

**4-4-1. Department to establish egg grades and standards.**

The department shall establish grades and standards of quality, size, and weight governing the sale of eggs.

Enacted by Chapter 2, 1979 General Session

**4-4-2. Authority to make and enforce rules.**

The department is authorized, subject to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to make and enforce such rules as in its judgment are necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

**4-4-3. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Addled" or "white rot" means putrid or rotten.
- (2) "Adherent yolk" means the yolk has settled to one side and become fastened to the shell.
- (3) "Black rot" means the egg has deteriorated to such an extent that the whole interior presents a blackened appearance.
- (4) "Black spot" means mould or bacteria have developed in isolated areas inside the shell.
- (5) "Blood ring" means bacteria have developed to such an extent that blood is formed.
- (6) "Candling" means the act of determining the condition of an egg by holding it before a strong light in such a way that it shines through the egg and reveals its contents.
- (7) "Mouldy" means mould spores have formed within the shell.

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**4-4-4. Unlawful acts specified.**

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer, or expose any egg for sale for human consumption:
  - (a) that is addled or mouldy or that contains black spot, black rot, white rot, blood ring, adherent yolk, or a bloody or green white, also called albumen; or
  - (b) without a sign or label that conforms to the standards for display and grade adopted by the department.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sale of denatured eggs.

Amended by Chapter 179, 2007 General Session

**4-4-5. Maintenance of candling records -- Inspection of records.**

Every person who sells, offers, or exposes eggs for sale or exchange shall maintain candling records as prescribed by the department. All candling records shall be open for examination by accredited inspectors or representatives of the department

at reasonable times.

Enacted by Chapter 2, 1979 General Session

**4-4-6. Retailers exempt from prosecution -- Conditions for exemption.**

No retailer is subject to prosecution under this chapter if the retailer can establish that at the time the eggs were purchased the seller guaranteed that the eggs conformed to the grade and quality and size and weight stated in the purchase invoice and that the eggs were labeled for sale by the retailer in accordance with the purchase invoice; provided, that such guaranty by the seller does not exempt a retailer from prosecution if the eggs covered by the guaranty deteriorated to a lower grade or standard through some action or inaction of the retailer.

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